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SUBJ: INQUIRY RE HEAD OF ROYAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

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1. QUINN O'CONNELL, BROTHER OF JACK AND PARTNER IN LAW FIRM WHICH REGISTERED FOREIGN AGENT FOR JORDAN, IS FLYING TO AMMAN TO CONSULT ON BAGHDADI CASE. JACK O'CONNELL SAYS THAT BAGHDADI HAS AGREED GIVE ACCESS BOOKS HIS FIRM TO ACCOUNTING FIRM WHICH JACK O'CONNELL HAS ALREADY ENGAGED (HASKIN AND SELLS). INFORMATION PROBLEM MAY ALSO BE EASED BY FACT THAT BAGHDADI FIRM EMPLOYED AS ITS OWN ACCOUNTANT HIGHLY REPUTABLE COMPANY (TOUCHE, ROSS) WHICH HASKIN FIRM CAN AND WILL WORK WITH.

2.. IT THUS APPEARING INVESTIGATION OF THIS PROBLEM NOW WELL IN HAND. WE BELIEVE USG EFFORTS ALONG SAME LINES NOT PRESENTLY NECESSARY. IF O'CONNELL'S WORK TURNS UP POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF US LAW, APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES COULD BE ASKED TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION. RUSH

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